

Harpswell Conservation Commission
Minutes for Special Meeting of January 15, 2008, 3:30 PM
Municipal Office Building, Mountain Road, Harpswell, Maine

Members present: Mary Ann Nahf (chair), Anne Perry (secretary), Deirdre Strachan. [lack of quorum]

Absent: Tony Barrett, Ann Nemrow, Pat L'Heureux,

Also present: David W. Chipman (Harpswell representative to BNAS Restoration Advisory Board)

Note: Fred Dillon, FP Environmental, was not present..

1. RAB report.by David Chipman

David was appointed by the Selectmen to represent the Town in the event of threats from the Base superfund sites. He is a chemist with expertise in hydrogeology. The Board meets quarterly, sometimes has technical meetings between those meetings, and meets occasionally with Brunswick Area Citizens for a Safe Environment. All meetings are open to the public and complete administrative records are available at Curtis Library and updated information can be found at these websites: <http://nasbrunswick.navy-env.com> and <http://www.epa.gov/region1/>.

HCC members were provided with David's report, a newspaper article on privatization of base cleanup through "dirty transfers", a map of active IRP sites, and a copy of the Spring 2007 NAS Brunswick Environmental Restoration News, with a map and list of all the restoration program sites.

Of current concern to Harpswell is the contaminated groundwater from the "eastern plume" entering Harpswell Cove and ultimately Harpswell Sound. This groundwater is presently being treated for known contaminants except for 1,4-Dioxane, which is not removed by current treatment. Reports on analysis of fish tissue samples are due early in 2008.

2. Adopt-a-Road. Spring cleanup date will be either April 19 or 26 (Earth Day is April 22). Anne will send a PC in March to adopters. Suggests that scouts, (boy and girl and both troops) be asked if they wish to become involved.

3. Minutes. The question of use of e-mails in the minutes came up. Since all HCC e-mail is part of the public record, it should be OK to put them in the minutes. Approval of past minutes was put off due to lack of a quorum.

4. Open Space Plan. Mary Ann plans to meet with Kristi tomorrow to see what our next step with FP Environmental should be. She will send members a copy of the latest draft of the document. Each member should print their own copy and bring it to the next meeting. Deirdre will be in charge of the inventory section of the Appendices. HCC will finalize the document and will be meeting more frequently until it is complete.

5. MACC. Dues are \$150.00 (not prorated) and membership runs from July to June. Meanwhile we are not members and the question is how much can we participate? Deidre is already on the Cumberland County subcommittee, and is contributing in the setup there. Until July, we will be charged the non-member fee (\$15?) for workshops. Mary Ann will check with Carol to see if the Town can contribute to our attendance fee.

There are two MACC workshops coming up:

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 5:30-7:30 PM Augusta City Hall on Open Space Planning

Thursday, Jan. 24, 6-8 PM Falmouth Library, on Governor's Council on Maine Quality of Place

Adjourned at 5:20 PM

Next meeting is **Tuesday, January 22 at 3:00 PM** (Special Meeting, Note earlier time.)

And the following week **Tuesday, January 29, at 3:30 PM** (Special Meeting, usual time)

Respectfully submitted, Anne Perry, Secretary